



BIG MOUNTAIN SEWER DISTRICT

PO Box 1252
Whitefish, Montana 59937

Board of Directors Meeting August 6, 2019 7:00 pm Northern Lights Conference Room, Kandahar Lodge

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Graves. Present were: Bob Lund, Dave Ruoff, Sandie Carpenter, Bob Riso, and Jason Hanchett. Brad Kincaid, CFO for Wintersports was present, along with Sue and Brett Oemichen.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Graves introduced the Board to the public; then introduced Brad Kincaid and Jason Hanchett.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett and Sue Oemichen moved to the mountain about the first of April and wanted to learn more about how things work here on the mountain.

4. FY 2019 MODIFICATION OF SEWER RATE/CHARGES

Lund reported in 2015 the Board adopted the EDU method where the property is judged by the size of its water meter. Lund shared the rates proposed based upon the number of EDU's. Lund reported they are currently working on the rates for next years taxes. Lund continued, what is driving the current increase presented by the board is that the City of Whitefish is increasing their charges to process the effluent. The BMSD rates for the City of Whitefish to process our waste has almost doubled in the last 5 years, and we anticipate it will double again in the next five years, due to building a new sewer treatment facility. Lund reported the BMSD pays approximately \$300,000 per year for City of Whitefish fees. Lund also reported that BMSD is currently just completing the Inflow and infiltration study being done this year, with planned repairs scheduled and budgeted for FY2020 to help reduce the inflow. Hopefully this will help reduce our usage fees to City of Whitefish. Discussion followed.

Bales reported on the assessments agreed to by the Board for FY20. \$629.50 per EDU is the new rate, with an increase of 12.4% in order to cover the FY20 budget revenues of \$518,081 which is an 8.75% overall increase from FY19. The increase is also based upon anticipated rate increase from City of Whitefish to treat BMSD effluent. Proposed rate increase sheet is attached. Bales explained the assessment roll had been updated for meter size, duplex, etc. by Graves. Good information that will be very useful for the rate study for the FY21 assessments.

5. ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-1 – “Resolution of Intent to Adjust Rates and Charges”

Lund made motion to adopt the resolution, second by Carpenter. Those voting in favor of the resolution were Lund, Ruoff, Carpenter, and Riso. Voting against was Graves. . Motion carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FY2019

Bales reported this is the final budget amendments for FY19, adding the bills for FY19 have all been paid and we are ready to start FY20. Expenditures for FY19 were \$426,179.50. The final budget amendments were approved upon motion of Carpenter, second by Riso. Motion carried unanimously.

b. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST TO CONNECT TO SEWER LINE

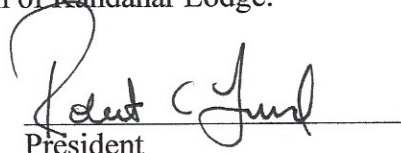
Hanchett reported there have been two requests to connect to the BMSD sewer main running down Big Mountain to East Lakeshore Drive. Upon Board directive, Bales reached out to PWD Craig Workman, City of Whitefish. Workman reported the City of Whitefish will still honor the original letter dated April 19, 2012 outlining the requirements for any additional properties to hook into this sewer main. Hanchett stated we need to respond to these requests. The Board agreed it would be best to have a prepared response available to sent to anyone requesting to connect. Bales was directed compose a letter for the Board to approve, and then BMSD will keep this letter as our response to connection requests.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49.

The next BMSD Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9 a.m. in the Northern Lights Room of Kandahar Lodge.



Administrative Manager/Secretary



President